

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard, residents of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated their Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on December 22, 2004; and

Whereas, upon attaining this milestone in their marriage, Larry and Donna Howard undoubtedly looked back some four and one-half decades ago and reminisced about the day they met, their courtship, and the beautiful ceremony in which they exchanged their sacred nuptial vows on December 22, 1959, in Springfield; and

Whereas, on their wedding day, Larry and Donna Howard began to nurture a love that has flourished and grown to bring them inestimable joy and fill their hearts with ecstasy for forty-five years; and

Whereas, Larry Howard has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes serving his country in the European and African Theatres during World War II, toiling as an insurance adjuster, and operating a car body shop; and

Whereas, a member of Oregon United Methodist Church, Donna Howard is a devoted wife and exemplary homemaker who has been employed as a grain merchandiser at Gumbert Exchange in St. Joseph for the past twenty-four years; and

Whereas, during their four and one-half decades together, Larry and Donna Howard have discovered that a successful marriage is a labor of love which can be achieved only when we realize that it is a gift as well as an undertaking; and

Whereas, Larry and Donna Howard have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Larry and Donna Howard and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey together walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker